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 SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN GUIDELINES ON NEW DRAFT TREATY PROPOSAL  
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THE TEAM WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER TACK DIRECTED TO PREPARE A  
 DRAFT OF A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY HAS AGREED ON THE GENERAL  
 OUTLINE OF THE PACT. THE PANAMANIANS CONTINUE TO WANT JURIS-  
 DICTION IN SOME AREAS TRANSFERRED AS SOON AS A NEW TREATY IS  
 SIGNED, BUT ARE WILLING TO LET THE US RETAIN JURISDICTION IN  
 OTHER MATTERS--SUCH AS MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF THE CANAL--  
 FOR A LONGER PERIOD, POSSIBLY UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT OF JOINT US-  
 PANAMANIAN JURISDICTION.

4 THEY FAVOR CREATION OF A TRANSITIONAL COMMISSION--ON WHICH THE  
 3 PANAMANIANS GRADUALLY WOULD BECOME THE MAJORITY--TO ADMINISTER  
 2 THE CANAL FOR THE DURATION OF THE TREATY. THE ADVISER'S RECOMMENDS  
 1 GIVING THE US A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO DECIDE ON A PLAN FOR EXPANDED

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THE CANAL, AND THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD THEN NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS. THE NEW CANAL WORKS WOULD BE INITIATED WITHIN 20 YEARS FROM THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY.

IN GENERAL, THE ADVISORY TEAM HAS STUCK CLOSELY TO THE POSITIONS PRESSED BY PANAMA DURING THE LAST DECADE OF NEGOTIATIONS. MANY OF THEIR PROPOSALS PARALLEL PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT TREATIES DRAWN UP BY THE US AND PANAMA IN 1967 WHICH NEITHER GOVERNMENT ~~WAS~~ RATIFIED. THE PANAMANIANS SUGGESTED A JOINT COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE CANAL PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE US WILL INSIST ON CONTROL OF CANAL OPERATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF A TREATY, AND THE COMMISSION WOULD GIVE PANAMA AT LEAST A VOICE.

GIVING THE US 20 YEARS TO START EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT CANAL OR POSSIBLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEA-LEVEL CANAL--IS CONSISTENT WITH PANAMA'S DESIRE THAT THE TREATY COVERING THE PRESENT CANAL SHOULD EXPIRE BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. THE TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A TREATY IS ONLY PART OF THE STRATEGY TAG AND GENERAL TORRIJOS WILL CONSIDER IN FORMULATING THEIR FINAL POSITION LOOK NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR GUNKER. E-2 IMPDET.

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